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- The New York State Public Service Commission announced November 19 that Con Ed violated 11 gas-safety regulations following a 2014 building explosion that killed 8 people, injured 50 others, and displaced over 100 families. – *New York Daily News* (See item [2](#))
- Officials announced November 18 that Home Depot continued to sell 28 types of products that had fire, burn, shock, fall, laceration, and other hazards after they were recalled from 2012 – 2015. – *U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* (See item [5](#))
- Schaumburg, Illinois-based Nation Pizza issued November 19 a nationwide recall of 59,028 pounds of frozen Mama Cozzi's Pizza Kitchen products due to undeclared soy allergens. – *U.S. Department of Agriculture* (See item [15](#))
- Officials reported November 19 that 71 additional cases of Salmonella Poona infection, connected to imported cucumbers from Mexico were reported in 23 States following an October 14 outbreak. – *U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* (See item [16](#))

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## **Energy Sector**

1. *November 20, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* – (Kansas; New Mexico; Utah) **U.S. settles with gasoline refiner to reduce emissions at Utah facility.** The U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced November 19 that it reached a settlement with HollyFrontier Corporation subsidiaries, Navajo Refining Company, LLC, Holly Refining & Marketing Company-Woods Cross, LLC, Frontier El Dorado Refining, LLC, and HollyFrontier Refining & Marketing LLC resolving alleged Clean Air Act violations regarding fuel quality emissions standards and testing requirements at three facilities in Kansas, Utah, and New Mexico. The settlement also includes the implementation of a mitigation project at the company's Salt Lake City facility, and a \$1.2 million civil penalty paid to the U.S. Source: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/94FADCE9A95F777885257F02006B0F47>
2. *November 19, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Con Ed accused of 11 gas-safety violations in 2014 East Harlem blast after state probe.** The New York State Public Service Commission announced November 19 that Con Ed violated 11 gas-safety regulations following its investigation into a 2014 East Harlem building explosion that killed 8 people, injured 50 others, and displaced over 100 families. The commission determined that Con Ed failed to properly install a gas pipe leading to the building and failed to call for emergency backup after the utility received 2 reports of gas odors, among other violations. Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/manhattan/ed-accused-11-violations-east-harlem-gas-blast-article-1.2440460>
3. *November 19, Associated Press* – (International) **Manslaughter charges filed in deadly 2012 Gulf of Mexico platform blast.** Black Elk Energy Offshore Operations LLC and contractors, Grand Isle Shipyards Inc., and Wood Group PSN Inc., were indicted by a Federal grand jury November 19 on involuntary manslaughter charges, and charged with violating the Clean Water Act and the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act following a 2012 explosion on an oil production platform in the Gulf of Mexico that killed 3 workers and injured several others. Source: <http://abc13.com/news/manslaughter-charges-filed-in-deadly-2012-platform-blast/1091708/>

## **Chemical Industry Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector**

4. *November 20, Allentown Morning Call* – (Pennsylvania) **Talen Energy's Susquehanna Unit 1 reactor is repaired, back in service.** Talen Energy Corp. officials reported November 20 that its Susquehanna Nuclear plant's Unit 1 reactor was back online following a November 12 shutdown that was caused by an electrical coil issue that triggered 1 of the 8 large steam valves to close unexpectedly during testing,

as well as a leak found in the lower seal cavity vent piping for the reactor recirculation pump.

Source: <http://www.mcall.com/business/mc-talen-susquehanna-nuclear-plant-unit-1-shutdown-restored-20151120-story.html>

## **Critical Manufacturing Sector**

5. *November 18, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission* – (National) **Recalled products sold by Home Depot after recalls were announced.** The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced November 18 that Home Depot continued to sell 28 types of products that had fire, burn, shock, fall, laceration, and other hazards after they were recalled from 2012 – 2015. Approximately 1,300 units were sold to customers in Home Depot stores and 1,010 were sold by recyclers or salvagers.

Source: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Recalled-Products-Sold-by-Home-Depot-After-Recalls-Were-Announced/>

## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Financial Services Sector**

6. *November 20, New London Day* – (Connecticut) **Connecticut man faces federal charges for alleged housing scams.** An Easton man was charged November 19 in Federal court for a \$5 million fraud scheme, in which he targeted foreclosure victims by promising homeowners debt relief, but used their homes for profit and pocketed the money for personal expenses instead of applying the funds to homeowners' mortgages, taxes, and other property-related expenses.

Source: <http://www.theday.com/local/20151119/connecticut-man-faces-federal-charges-for-alleged-housing-scams>

7. *November 20, Securityweek* – (International) **New Dyre variant can target Windows 10 and Microsoft Edge users.** Security researchers from Heimdal discovered a new version of Dyre/Dyreza banking malware that can compromise a variety of Windows systems, connect into various browsers including Google Chrome and Internet Explorer, and terminate security software processes via a disguised Upatre trojan sent through spam emails that allows attackers to inject additional malware once the computer system has been compromised.

Source: [http://www.net-security.org/malware\\_news.php?id=3156](http://www.net-security.org/malware_news.php?id=3156)

8. *November 19, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission* – (National) **Assets frozen in alleged immigration scam.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission reported November 19 that the assets of a South Florida woman and her company would be frozen following allegations that the woman diverted \$1 million to her personal expenses after collecting funds from investors seeking to invest \$8.5 million in the EB-5 Immigrant Visa Program.

Source: <http://www.sec.gov/news/pressrelease/2015-263.html>

9. *November 19, Belleville News-Democrat* – (Illinois) **Scott Credit Union employee from Columbia charged with nine counts of fraud.** A former manager at Scott Credit Union in Columbia was charged with 9 counts of fraud November 19 for conspiring to steal over \$12 million from 2005 – 2014 by making up false loans, paying loans with misappropriated funds, and issuing loans and credit without authorization or required documentation.  
Source: <http://www.bnd.com/news/local/crime/article45482790.html>

## **Transportation Systems Sector**

10. *November 20, WCCO 4 Minneapolis* – (Minnesota) **Florida flight bound for Minn. grounded due to bomb threat.** A Spirit Airlines flight from Fort Lauderdale headed to Minneapolis was grounded for 5 hours November 19 after a passenger made a bomb threat 15 minutes into the flight. Two men were escorted off the plane and authorities cleared the aircraft for takeoff once nothing suspicious was found.  
Source: <http://minnesota.cbslocal.com/2015/11/20/florida-flight-bound-for-minn-grounded-due-to-bomb-threat/>
11. *November 19, Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman* – (Alaska) **Fatal accident closes Parks Highway.** Parks Highway in Wasilla was closed for several hours November 19 following a 2-vehicle accident that left 1 driver dead and a second driver injured.  
Source: [http://www.frontiersman.com/news/fatal-accident-closes-parks-highway/article\\_088ed10a-8eef-11e5-8d43-5b2d5e7b1378.html](http://www.frontiersman.com/news/fatal-accident-closes-parks-highway/article_088ed10a-8eef-11e5-8d43-5b2d5e7b1378.html)
12. *November 19, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **WSP: 1 killed in Hwy. 16 pileup; suspected drunk driver arrested.** All eastbound and some westbound lanes of Highway 16 near an intersection with Highway 3 in Gorst were closed for approximately 4 hours November 19 following a fatal accident involving 4 vehicles that left 1 person dead and another person injured.  
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-killed-in-horrific-multi-vehicle-crash-on-Highway-16-351771951.html>
13. *November 19, KOB5 Medford/KOTI 2 Klamath Falls* – (Oregon) **Propane truck crashes into power poles, tree on US 199.** Highway 199 in Josephine County was closed for 2 hours November 19 while crews cleared the scene after a semi-truck drove through 3 power poles before crashing into a tree. Electricity was turned off while crews worked to clear the lines from the roadway.  
Source: <https://kobi5.com/news/local-news/redwood-highway-us-199-closed-after-propane-truck-crashed-into-power-pole-4880/>

## **Food and Agriculture Sector**

14. *November 19, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* – (National) **Fit Firm and Fabulous issues voluntary nationwide recall of Ultimate Herbal Slimcaps due to the presence undeclared sibutramine.** Fit Firm and Fabulous voluntarily recalled 2 lots of its 30-count bottles of Ultimate Herbal Slimcap capsules November 19 after a U.S. Food and Drug Administration analysis found that the product contained

undeclared sibutramine. Products were distributed nationwide through Internet sales.  
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm473638.htm>

15. *November 19, U.S. Department of Agriculture* – (National) **Nation Pizza recalls Mama Cozzi's Pizza Kitchen products due to misbranding and undeclared allergens.** Schaumburg, Illinois-based Nation Pizza issued November 19 a nationwide recall of 59,028 pounds of frozen 27.5-ounce cartons of Mama Cozzi's Pizza Kitchen products after in-plant review revealed that the product contained undeclared soy allergens. Products were distributed exclusively to ALDI grocery stores in 4 States.  
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-142-2015-release>
16. *November 19, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention* – (International) **Multistate outbreak of Salmonella Poona infections linked to imported cucumbers.** The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported November 19 that 71 more cases of Salmonella Poona infections connected to imported cucumbers from Mexico have been reported in 23 States since the agency's last report on the outbreak October 14. The agency reported that the frequency of cases has declined since July and August.  
Source: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/poona-09-15/index.html>

## **Water and Wastewater Systems Sector**

Nothing to report

## **Healthcare and Public Health Sector**

17. *November 20, New York Daily News* – (New York) **Autumn Legionnaires' outbreak likely caused by Bronx Psychiatric Center's cooling tower: Officials.** The commissioner of the New York City Health Department announced November 20 that a cooling tower at the Bronx Psychiatric Center was the likely source of the city's recent Legionnaires' disease outbreak that killed 1 person and sickened 14 others. City officials reported that the center's cooling towers, along with all others across the city, were disinfected.  
Source: <http://www.nydailynews.com/new-york/legionnaires-outbreak-linked-bronx-psych-center-article-1.2441463>
18. *November 19, NJ.com* – (Pennsylvania) **Doc charged after allegedly making hyperbaric chamber out of propane tank parts.** Officials announced November 18 that a former doctor was charged for allegedly conspiring to defraud the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and commit health care fraud when he reportedly created a device from pieces of used propane tanks welded together, and tried to pass it off as a hyperbaric chamber marketed as Hyperbox 101. Authorities also allege that the former doctor received millions of dollars through fraudulent claims submitted to Medicare and other programs between 2007 and 2011.  
Source: [http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/11/doc\\_used\\_device\\_made\\_of\\_old\\_propane\\_ta](http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2015/11/doc_used_device_made_of_old_propane_ta)

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## **Government Facilities Sector**

19. *November 19, Boston Globe* – (Massachusetts) **Former Army reservist arrested in Worcester armory theft.** The FBI announced November 19 that a former U.S. Army reservist was arrested for breaking into the Lincoln W. Stoddard Army Reserve Center in Worcester November 14 and stealing 16 military-grade weapons. Authorities were able to track the suspect due to a GPS monitoring device he was wearing while facing other unrelated charges.  
Source: <https://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2015/11/19/arrest-made-worcester-armory-break/SoaQ6l0hnDmPXDLmmFSk1I/story.html>
20. *November 19, Lake Placid News* – (New York) **NCCC classes canceled due to Malone power outage.** Afternoon and evening classes at three North Country Community College campuses in Saranac Lake were cancelled November 19 following a power outage at the college's Malone campus.  
Source: <http://www.lakeplacidnews.com/page/content.detail/id/524348/NCCC-classes-canceled-due-to-Malone-power-outage.html>
21. *November 19, Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette* – (Illinois) **No bomb found at Parkland.** Parkland College in Champaign County was evacuated and classes were cancelled November 19 due to a bomb threat against the school that was posted on social media. Police searched the campus and cleared the scene after nothing suspicious was found.  
Source: <http://www.news-gazette.com/news/local/2015-11-19/update-no-bomb-found-parkland.html>

For additional stories, see items [3](#) and [8](#)

## **Emergency Services Sector**

22. *November 19, Omaha World-Herald* – (Nebraska) **5 inmates charged for roles in deadly riot at Tecumseh State Prison.** Authorities charged 5 inmates November 19 for their involvement in a riot at the Tecumseh State Prison in Nebraska that included as many as 400 inmates who set fire and trashed two housing units causing over \$1 million in damage. Two employees and four inmates were injured during the incident.  
Source: [http://www.omaha.com/news/crime/inmates-charged-for-roles-in-deadly-riot-at-tecumseh-state/article\\_47ce7cf0-4579-58d0-9a7d-57e04d08aeb4.html](http://www.omaha.com/news/crime/inmates-charged-for-roles-in-deadly-riot-at-tecumseh-state/article_47ce7cf0-4579-58d0-9a7d-57e04d08aeb4.html)

## **Information Technology Sector**

23. *November 20, Softpedia* – (International) **Backdoor within backdoor puts over 600,000 Arris cable modems in danger.** A Brazilian security researcher discovered that over 600,000 Arris' old cable modems, TG862A, TG862G, DG860A, were manufactured with 2 backdoor codes installed in its hardware that can be activated via the libarris\_password.so library, and if exploited, enables attackers to access the



modem and enable Secure Shell (SSH) or Telnet ports, to access a BusyBox shell.

Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/backdoor-within-backdoor-puts-over-600-000-arris-cable-modems-in-danger-496485.shtml>

24. *November 20, Securityweek* – (International) **LinkedIn patches persistent XSS flaw in help center.** LinkedIn patched a cross-site scripting (XSS) vulnerability, discovered by an independent security researcher, in its official Help Center Web site that allowed attackers to inject malicious code and enable the XSS vulnerability to perform actions on the victims' behalf and inject an XSS worm designed to spread on LinkedIn's forums.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/linkedin-patches-persistent-xss-flaw-help-center>

25. *November 19, Securityweek* – (International) **VMware updates products due to flaw in Apache Flex BlazeDS.** VMware released updates for several of its products including Flex BlazeDS 4.7.1, which addresses Extensible Markup Language (XML) External Entity (XXE) vulnerability in Apache Flex BlazeDS that can be exploited by a remote attacker to cause a server to disclose information via a special crafted XML.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/vmware-updates-products-due-flaw-apache-flex-blazeds>

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## Communications Sector

Nothing to report

## Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *November 20, KTVQ 2 Billings* – (Wyoming) **Chemical odor prompts evacuation of Cody Recreation Center.** The Cody Recreation Center in Wyoming was evacuated and closed until further notice November 19 due to a chemical odor that caused difficulty in breathing for people inside the building. The cause of the incident remains under investigation.

Source: <http://www.ktvq.com/story/30565823/chemical-odor-prompts-evacuation-of-cody-recreation-center>

27. *November 19, Fort Collins Coloradoan* – (Colorado) **Fire causes \$450,000 in damages to building, vehicles.** A Larimer County building housing Kehn Construction sustained extensive damage November 18 after a fire caused an estimated \$450,000 in damages. An investigation is ongoing to determine the cause of the fire.

Source: <http://www.coloradoan.com/story/news/2015/11/19/fire-damages-larimer-county-building/76053516/>

28. *November 19, U.S. Department of Labor* – (Texas) **Three commercial real estate renovators willfully expose workers to asbestos in San Antonio; fines total \$112,000.** The Occupational Safety and Health Administration cited three Austin-based commercial real estate employers including FBZ Broadway LP, One Eighty Construction Inc., and Roscoe Properties Inc., for exposing workers to asbestos at an apartment construction worksite in San Antonio following a May 29 inspection that revealed several safety hazards. Proposed fines total \$112,000.  
Source: [https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\\_document?p\\_table=NEWS\\_RELEASES&p\\_id=29058](https://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASES&p_id=29058)

For another story, see item [2](#)

## **Dams Sector**

29. *November 17, Wichita Eagle* – (Kansas) **Sediment dredging to begin on federal reservoir near Wolf Creek plant.** The Kansas Water Office announced November 17 that it allocated \$20 million to removing 3 million cubic yards of sediment from the bottom of the John Redmond Reservoir in a project scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016. The sediment has washed into the lake during the past 50 years and has filled in more than 40 percent of the lake.  
Source: <http://www.kansas.com/sports/outdoors/article45166872.html>





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